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In re Application of:

John A. Obermark

Art Unit: 1734

Application No.: 10/077,217

Examiner: not assigned

Filed: February 15, 2002

For: ROLLER COATER APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

IN THE CLAIMS:

46. (New) An apparatus for coating metal strip with laminate, the metal strip adapted to be fed through the apparatus, comprising:

at least one roller coater having an applicator roll for rotation about a first axis and a plurality of dispensing heads, the applicator roll being adapted to receive and apply laminate to metal strip, the dispensing heads supplying a controlled amount of laminate to the applicator roll;

a control valve having a pressurized input of laminate and at least two different positions corresponding to different output flows;

a manifold connecting the output flow of the control valve to each of the dispensing heads; and

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the subject application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition For Extension Of Time

- ☐ Applicants petition for a extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$0.00 (enclosed).  
☒ Applicant believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE
TOTAL	51	MINUS	45	=6	x 9=	\$54.00	x 18=	\$
INDEPENDENT	5	MINUS	4	=1	x 42=	\$42.00	x 84=	\$
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					TOTAL	\$96.00	TOTAL	\$

☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$96.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.  
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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